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***Raised Bill No. 633***

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
FOR DIVERSE LEARNERS IN GENERAL EDUCATION SETTINGS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-4q of the 2006 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

4 (a) The State Board of Education shall establish a state education  
5 resource center to assist the board in the provision of programs and  
6 activities that will promote educational equity and excellence. Such  
7 activities, to be provided by the state education resource center or a  
8 regional educational service center, may include training and  
9 continuing education seminars, publication of technical materials,  
10 research and evaluation, and other related activities. The center may  
11 support programs and activities concerning early childhood education,  
12 the federal No Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110, and closing the  
13 academic achievement gap between socio-economic subgroups, and  
14 other related programs. Within available appropriations, the center  
15 shall, in conjunction with other center activities, provide technical  
16 assistance and training to school districts and regional educational

17 service centers to effectively develop and implement individualized  
18 education programs for diverse learners in general education settings.

19 (b) The Commissioner of Education, with the assistance of the state  
20 education resource center and within available appropriations, may  
21 provide grants to local and regional boards of education and regional  
22 educational service centers to develop and implement individualized  
23 education programs for diverse learners in general education settings.  
24 Local and regional boards of education and regional educational  
25 service centers shall apply for grants pursuant to this subsection at  
26 such time and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes, and the  
27 commissioner shall determine the amount of the grant awards.

28 [(b)] (c) The Commissioner of Education, with the assistance of the  
29 state education resource center, may provide grants to local and  
30 regional boards of education for districts identified as in need of  
31 improvement under the provisions of section 10-223e. The grants shall  
32 be for the creation and acquisition of new curricula, training in the use  
33 of the curricula and related supporting textbooks and other materials.  
34 Local and regional boards of education may use such grants only for  
35 curricula, training and related textbooks and materials that have been  
36 authorized by the commissioner. Local and regional boards of  
37 education shall apply for grants pursuant to this subsection at such  
38 time and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes, and the  
39 commissioner shall determine the amount of the grant awards.

40 [(c)] (d) Within available appropriations, the Department of  
41 Education shall establish a Connecticut school reform resource center  
42 within the state education resource center established pursuant to  
43 subsection (a) of this section or by contract through a regional  
44 educational service center. The center shall operate year-round and  
45 focus on serving the needs of all public schools and the diverse  
46 learners within the schools. The center shall (1) publish and distribute  
47 reports on the most effective practices for improving student  
48 achievement by successful schools, (2) provide a program of

49 professional development activities for school leaders, including  
50 curriculum coordinators, principals, superintendents and board of  
51 education members, (3) provide information on successful models for  
52 evaluating student performance and managing student data, and (4)  
53 provide other programs and materials to assist in the improvement of  
54 public schools.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |  |  |
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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2006</i> | 10-4q |
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the state education resource center to provide technical assistance and training to school districts and regional educational service centers to effectively develop and implement individualized education programs for diverse learners in general education settings.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*